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1. Planning for 1952

- a. The production program [REDACTED] is more comprehensive [REDACTED]. So far, all the VVW concerns are behind schedule [REDACTED] because of the delay in announcing the program and because of the late arrival, or in some cases, non-arrival of building materials.
- b. Although some of the shipyards thought [REDACTED] at the beginning of the year they would not be overburdened, it is now clear that intensive effort will be required if they are to carry out their programs, especially at Uebigau and Boizenburg.
- c. Actually, the VVW plan for the first quarter was only 86.4% fulfilled. The Schiffswerft Rossau and Isolier und Kaeltechnik, Rostock, were the only concerns which completed their programs. The Uebigau, Boizenburg, Rothensee and Stralsund shipyards were far behind schedule.

2. Production delays and difficulties

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a. Elbwerft Boizenburg

Delay in the refrigerator fitted lugger (Kuehllogger) program in Elbwerft is considerable. The work [REDACTED] is, on the average, about ten days behind schedule. The reparations work is to be speeded up.

b. Warnowert, Warnemuende

Construction work in Warnowert, Warnemuende, on refrigerator fitted luggers (Kuehllogger) is also held up for lack of materials.

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c. Staatswerft, Rostensee

- (1) This shipyard has a more extensive program to complete than last year. The yard is one seiner behind schedule for the first quarter. A contract is to be agreed upon for three "Seiner-Schlepper" (tugs).
- (2) A general shortage of materials is experienced but those needed for the reparations contracts are available. As the shipyard has no more reparations contracts to fulfill apart from the seiners, it is hoped that permission will be obtained for the superfluous materials to be transferred to Uebigau or Boizenburg, or to be used for export.

d. Ernst Thaelmannwerft, Volkswerft Brandenburg

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This shipyard was one fishing seiner behind schedule. The main reason was reported to be the lack of winches. A contract is to be signed for the construction of eight inland vessels of the "Amanda" type.

e. Schiffswerft Rostslau

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The yard is going to be behind with the construction of steel cutters because of lack of materials. Five instead of four cutters were to be produced. An order for tankers is expected. The delivery of the 170 kw generators cannot take place according to HV Elektrotechnik. This matter is to be taken up at ministerial level.

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f. Schiffswerft Uebigau

- (1) The main job here is in the building of pontoons for Bleichert & Co. (SAG Transmasch). This should have begun. If materials do not arrive shortly it will no longer be possible to carry out the program.
- (2) Uebigau has the heaviest program of all the VVW concerns, in comparison with last year.

g. Schiffs-und Bootswerft, Gehlsdorf

This yard will complete its program according to schedule, but VVW gives some of its contracts (for life-boats) to concerns not affiliated to itself.

h. Schiffswerft Altwarp

The eight lifeboats which were to be delivered were not completed. Four were then to be finished and the others will probably be handed over to the Yachtwerft, Berlin VEB. A shortage of tools is experienced.

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i. Schiffbau- und Reparaturwerft, Stralsund

The shipyard is overstaffed at present but more men can be used on refrigerator fitted luggers (Kuehllogger). The shipyard might have been able to complete more refrigerator luggers than was expected, because of the extra available labor, but actually was behind schedule.

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j. Isolier und Kaeltechnik, Rostock

This concern is engaged in the production of refrigerator plants for the various shipyards. Its program can be handled as there is enough labor available.

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3. Materials situation

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- a. A great bottleneck is experienced because of a shortage of rolled materials and insufficient deliveries through VEM. The allocation of sheet iron, which should have reached the yards [redacted] only arrived [redacted]. To be allocated to the yards for the second quarter are 2,500 tons of rolled materials; however, this amount is insufficient to meet their requirements. 50X1-HUM
- b. Boizenburg, Rothensee, Brandenburg and Rossau are particularly short of sheet iron (especially 7 mm). Production in Uebigau could not start [redacted] on account of shortages. 50X1-HUM

4. Reorganization

- a. The VVW is to be disbanded and a Directorate set up in its place. The VVW has given notice that it has been dissolved and is no longer in Rostock. Minister Gerhard Ziller has recommended that the Directorate should be either near the Ministry or in one of the yards which encounters the greatest difficulties.
- b. A plan has been submitted to the Ministry in which it is proposed that the various concerns operate independently, with the Directorate guiding and controlling them. The Ministry, meanwhile, is considering merging the Schiffbau und Reparaturwerft with the Volkswerft at Stralsund.
- c. It is to be decided whether the Construction Bureau at Karlshorst is to be an independent concern or whether it should be affiliated to the Hochseeschiffbau Zentrales Schiffbau-Konstruktions-und Projektbuero VEB, Berlin-Noepenick.

5. New constructions planned

An order has been received by VVW to build 38 passenger vessels. This contract would necessitate a fundamental reorganization of the Rothensee and Gehlsdorf programs. The preliminary construction would take place at Rothensee and the ships would be completed at Gehlsdorf. [redacted]

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1. [redacted] Comment: - of the Ministry of Machine Construction.

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